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- Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-171896, published
 June 6, 1998.
- 2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H11-328288, published November 30, 1999.
- Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H10-222581, published August 21, 1998.

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Claims 1 through 27 Cited Literature 1 though 3

Described in Cited Literature 1 though 3 is a system that carries out continuous notification of information that is registered or modified.

A person skilled in the art could easily conceive of doing a service that a service provider provides using the information that is registered or modified.

List of Cited Literature

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- 1. Japanese Patent Laid-open Gazette 171896/1998
- 2. Japanese Patent Laid-open Gazette 328288/1999
- 3. Japanese Patent Laid-open Gazette 222581/1998

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は、当業者であれば容易に着想しるうものである。

引用文献等一覧

- 1. 特開平10-171896号公報
- 2. 特開平11-328288号公報
- 3. 特開平10-222581号公報

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